

# MISSOURI CAPITOL POLICE ADVISOR

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## Pedestrian Crosswalks

As a safety reminder to state workers, crosswalks should be used, where accessible, to cross the street. Crossing the street in “other than designated crosswalk areas” can create a traffic hazard for both pedestrians and drivers alike. Additionally, vehicles must yield to pedestrians in crosswalks.

## Thefts in buildings

Thefts in various state office buildings are beginning to be reported again with some frequency. As a reminder, here are just a few ways to protect yourself from becoming a victim:

- 1) Never bring personal items to work unless you are planning to take them home with you, or unless you sufficiently secure them at the end of the day.
- 2) Never leave money, medication, purses/wallets or other valuable items out in plain site.
- 3) If you are leaving your desk for any length of time, lock your valuables in a drawer/cabinet or take them with you – take the key with you if you lock the items up.
- 4) Immediately report suspicious activity.

## Public Information Session

As mentioned in previous advisors, Missouri Capitol Police is scheduled for an on-site assessment as part of a program to achieve accreditation by verifying it meets professional standards. The on-site assessment dates are April 18<sup>th</sup> – April 21<sup>st</sup>.

As part of the on-site assessment, members of the community and representatives of other agencies are invited to phone in comments to the assessor. The phone session will be from 1PM until 3PM on April 20<sup>th</sup>, and the phone number the assessor may be reached at is (573) 526-1286. Telephone comments are limited to 10 minutes and must address the agency's ability to comply with CALEA standards. A copy of the standards is available at our office.

Anyone wishing to submit written comments about Missouri Capitol Police's ability to comply with the standards for accreditation may send them to the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA), 10302 Eaton Place, Suite 100, Fairfax, Virginia, 22030-2215 or [www.calea.org](http://www.calea.org).

For additional information on CALEA and the associated processes, please visit our website and click on the “CALEA Notice” link on the left side of the screen. The link provides you with the media release issued by our department on March 27, 2009, which contains a more in-depth description.

## Welcome Aboard

On April 16<sup>th</sup>, Capitol Police will welcome our newest member, Officer Dean France.